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In re application of:

Volkmar HAMACHER et al

GROUP ART UNIT: 2644

SERIAL NO.: 10/692,231

EXAMINER:

FILED: October 23, 2003

CONFIRMATION NO.: 8391

TITLE: "HEARING AID DEVICE AND OPERATING AND ADJUSTMENT METHODS THEREFOR,  
WITH MICROPHONE DISPOSED OUTSIDE OF THE AUDITORY CANAL"  
**AMENDMENT "A" PRIOR TO ACTION MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents

P. O. Box 1450

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SIR:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

☒ No additional fee is required.

The fee has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(4) HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEE
TOTAL CLAIMS	*	MINUS	**20	X 2	( ) X 9.00 ( ) X 18.00	\$
INDEP. CLAIMS	*	MINUS	3	X	( ) X 40.00 ( ) X 80.00	
Application amended to contain any multiple dependent claims not previously paid for.				( ) YES ( ) NO	( ) \$135.00 ( ) \$270.00 ONE TIME	
				TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT		\$0.00

\* If the entry in Column 2 is less than the entry in Column 4, write "0" in Column 5.

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☐ Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend this time for response to the Office Action dated \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ months so that the period for response is extended to \_\_\_\_\_. A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached to cover the cost of the extension. Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to deposit account No. 501519. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

☐ A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is attached.

☐ A check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ accompanying IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(c) is attached

☐ A check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ and Petition for Consideration of IDS under 37 CFR 1.97(d) is attached.

☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment to account No. 501519. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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Applicants herewith amend the above-referenced application as follows, and  
request entry of the Amendment prior to examination on the merits.